



Memorandum

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: Stephen M. Haase

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 18, 2003

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

SUBJECT: ST03-004. STREET NAMING OF AN ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY TO CONTINUE THE STREET NAME TECHNOLOGY DRIVE AS A PRIVATE STREET LOCATED BETWEEN SKYPORT DRIVE AND SONORA AVENUE.

BACKGROUND

A portion of Technology Drive, between Skyport Drive and Sonora Avenue, was vacated in 1998 as a result of various right-of-way and construction requirements for the State Route 87 project. In this process the vacated portion did not retain a street name. The applicant, Bayrock Residential Inc. LLC, is requesting to name the previously abandoned street, now a private street within a new project, to Technology Drive. The private street is located within a mixed-use industrial park (Skyport Plaza) and residential (Avignon Apartments) development currently under construction (see attached map). The applicant chose the proposed name, with full support of the surrounding business groups, who will be able to maintain their existing Technology Drive addresses.

ANALYSIS

The naming of this street has been reviewed for consistency with the attached City of San Jose Council Policy 6-5; *Street Naming and Street Name Change*. The criteria applicable to the naming of this private street are as follows:

- B. The names must meet with the approval of the County Communications Department and the US Post Office.*

Both of these organizations have reviewed and approved the use of the Technology Drive name for the private street extension of the public street with the same name. The name is not duplicated elsewhere in the City of San Jose, and its use here will not impair mail delivery or emergency service response.

C. A public street continuing for some length in one general alignment shall have only one name.

As stated, the subject private street was previously a public street continuation of Technology Drive and had that name. When the public right-of-way was abandoned by the City, it lost its street name. The private street would continue the same alignment of the public street with the same name. The properties, which front on to the private street, have maintained their Technology Drive address numbers. Therefore, continuing the Technology Drive name for this portion of the abandoned right-of-way would be consistent with this policy.

H. Individual property owners, when affected by a name change, are to be informed and be given an opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Nine business addresses are located within the industrial park subdivision where the street naming is proposed. Notices were sent to the owners and staff has been available for questions regarding the proposal since the notices were mailed.

Based on this analysis staff concludes that the proposed street name conforms to City Council Policy 6-5.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed Street Name Change.

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ATTACHMENT